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School Board to appoint replacement for Craig Cheslog

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The Acalanes Union High School District Governing Board has voted to appoint a new member to replace Craig Cheslog, who handed in his resignation Dec. 14.

Cheslog is resigning after one year on the board following recent allegations of sexual misconduct. As a result of the allegations he was terminated from his job at Common Sense Media and has resigned from his position as regional director and as a delegate to the California Democratic Party.

"CDP Chair Eric C. Bauman and the other statewide officers formally initiated the process of removing Mr. Cheslog from his position as regional director, after receiving complaints about an alleged pattern of behavior that included non-consensual sexual contact with other members of the Executive Board of the CDP," said Communications Director of the CDP John Vigna. "The chair and the statewide officers initiated this process out of an abundance of caution and concern for the well-being of our party activists."

At a Dec. 18 special governing board meeting members had to decide between two options for replacing Cheslog - either to call a special election in June or to make an immediate interim appointment until the regularly scheduled election in November 2018.

The board voted to make an interim appointment. Governing Board President Bob Hockett said the decision to seek an immediate replacement was made chiefly to avoid being short a member, down to only four until June which would be the soonest they could hold a special election and also keeping in mind costs associated with holding an election then.

The board will be accepting applications for the provisional appointment until 4 p.m. Jan. 8, with an orientation for eligible applicants on Jan. 10, and will be holding a special board meeting, open to the public, to interview and appoint a new board member by majority vote on Jan. 11.

Hockett said that the school governing board is a very cohesive group. "We all have the mindset to provide oversight and approve policy to support the great teachers, outstanding administrators and really motivated students," he said, referring to the school district as outstanding and noting the tremendous parental support.

Application forms and requirements for applying for the board position can be found on the Acalanes Union High School District website at <https://www.acalanes.k12.ca.us> under District, Governing Board.

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